

## Man crashes vehicle into ditch in Melancton, faces drug and weapon charges

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a Southampton resident with multiple weapons and drug-related offences following a traffic complaint.

On Feb. 1, at approximately 3:40 a.m., the Dufferin OPP received a report of a vehicle in a ditch near County Road 17 in Melancton.

Upon arriving at the scene, officers spoke with the driver, and during their investigation, determined the driver was operating the vehicle with a suspended license.

Further investigation revealed a silver revolver handgun (replica-BB gun) on the driver's seat, a long gun (replica-BB gun), flick-style knives and a substance believed to be methamphetamine.

A 37-year-old Southampton man has been charged with:

- ? Assault (two counts)
- ? Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- ? Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Cocaine
- ? Possession of a Schedule I Substance - Methamphetamine

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.